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In re Patent Application of:
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For: **PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF 7 α -
METHYLSTEROIDS**

Examiner: Badio, Barbara P.

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Dear Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action dated December 29, 2008 in the above-referenced application. The Office Action set a three month period for responding to the Office Action, making a response due on or March 29, 2009. A Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the time of response by two months, up to and including May 29th, 2009 is requested. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. The USPTO is authorized to deduct the required fee for a one-month extension to Deposit Account No. 504205, Reference Number: 2002.712.

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